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Sir J. Wm Dawson L.L.D.
etc. etc. etc.

My dear Sir:

In response to your kind letter, of 19th. inst., I venture to say a word more about that foot-note, - which in itself is, of course, quite apart from all differences of opinion concerning geography and chronology.

In a letter to me, of July 21, 1884, you spoke of your purpose of "putting your notes into a more permanent form", than in the Leisure Hour articles, and that in so doing you hoped to refer to some of the points raised by me in my book, and in my personal letter to you on the subject. I certainly have not supposed that at that time the manuscript of this book "was in the printer's hands" - as you now suggest.

Again, had the note itself simply spoken of my failure "to distinguish between the phenomena of elevation and those of erosion", I should not have been surprised at it, as I was when I saw that the lack which you perceived was ascribed to my "inability" of comprehension. Yet it may be that it is "inability" on my part, rather than a temporary confusion of ideas, which stands in the way of my now seeing just what "erosion" has to do with this particular point in question.

Concerning the various differences between yourself and myself, in geographical and historical conclusions, you would hardly wish me to enter into an epistolary discussion. I notice that the Athenaeum of London (for Oct. 3) refers to some of the same items in Egyptology, to which attention was called in my paper. As to the Great Wall, the evidence gathered by me, in my Kadesh & Barnea, has been called conclusive by such men as Professors Georg Ebers and Hermann Guthe, of Germany, and Professor A. H. Sayce, of Oxford, as well as by the reviewers in the leading critical journals of Great Britain and Germany. If I am correct, my conclusions will stand. If I am in error, they will fail. But they will not be swept away by the force of opinions formed prior to the presen-

tation of this evidence.

I hand herewith a slip from the columns of The Sunday School Times of May 17, 1884, concerning the work of Professor Hull, in his dealings with the question of the exodus. It may serve to show you that, when occasion calls for it, we are more slashing in our criticism of the errors of a prominent specialist, than we could ever have reason to be in any comment on the work of the eminent scholar and the loved and honored Christian scientist, whose volume on Egypt and Syria has been the immediate cause of this correspondence.

With high regard, I am

Yours sincerely

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